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Welcome to the first issue!

Our goal is to produce this newsletter three times each year. I hope you find something in the newsletter that is of value to you. Do you have an idea or a success story to share with other Community Relations Council (CRC) members across the state? Maybe you've heard of an upcoming event that we should all support. Send us your ideas or post them to your CRC Facebook pages so we can help support each other and grow together! Read about an outstanding CRC below.

I hope that your CRC will support "End Racism Day" by planning an activity in your community. We've listed possible activities you can plan in your county on the back page of this newsletter, but you may also contact your County's CRC Consultant for more details.

So stay "tuned in and logged on...". We are strengthening our Community Relations Councils and working toward goodwill and harmony in our state.

*Raymond Buxton, II
Commissioner*

Laurens Community Relations Council Activities

Since the Community Relations Council was created, council activities have included; participation in the 37th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; partnered with a youth initiative - Bridging the Gap; participation in the Trail of Tears Memorial Walk at the Ninety Six National Historic Site; assisted with a Housing Workshop sponsored by Palmetto Bank; and established a youth council.



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END RACISM DAY

March 21

March 21 marks the commemoration of End Racism Day, officially observed since 1966 by the United Nations as The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The SC Human Affairs Commission staff, namely the Community Relations Consultants will take the lead on planning activities in the Columbia area for End Racism Day each year. Community Relations Councils are strongly encouraged to participate by planning an event each year. We look forward to hearing about your event.

This annual event is a way we can help our communities celebrate the differences in others - such as race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability and religion. We hope that through this one-day activity, people throughout the state will have the opportunity to learn about South Carolina's diverse citizenry, and through that a dialogue begins that will lessen the hate that is fueled by fear and lack of knowledge through interaction and education.

List of possible activities: Breakfast/Luncheon/Dinner with culturally diverse groups for a discussion on racism; Elementary School Drawing Contest and Middle/High School Art or Essay Contest on End Racism Day; Panel or Book Discussion; Show a Film and have a discussion; International Food/Dance Event; Host a Deliberative Dialogue in your county; etc.



All CRCs now have a Facebook page!

We look forward to seeing YOUR events posted!